

METHOD, SYSTEM, AND PROGRAM FOR SECURELY PROVIDING KEYS TO
ENCODE AND DECODE DATA IN A STORAGE CARTRIDGE

ABSTRACT

- Provided is a method, system, and program for enabling access to data in a
- 5 storage medium within one of a plurality of storage cartridges capable of being
mounted into a interface device. An association is provided of at least one coding
key to a plurality of storage cartridges. A determination is made of one coding key
associated with one target storage cartridge, wherein the coding key is capable of
being used to access data in the storage medium within the target storage cartridge.
- 10 The determined coding key is encrypted. The coding key is subsequently decrypted
to use to decode and code data stored in the s
torage medium.

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